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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 10, 2001, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 12-16 without prejudice.

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed October 10, 2001, Applicant elects to prosecute the Claims under Invention I, consisting of Claims 1-11 and 17-18. Therefore, Claims 1-11 and 17-18 are submitted for examination and Claims 12-16 have been cancelled without prejudice.

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CONCLUSION

The undersigned has made a good faith effort respond to all of the rejections in the case and to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification that may be answered by telephone, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned directly.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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